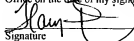


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections based on the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interviews on October 26th, 27th and 30th. The Examiner indicated that the application was in the wrong art unit based on the elected claims and would be transferred to the proper art unit.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the scope of the elected subject matter. Applicants elected the invention of claims 36-40 and elected Formula 60 as the species. Applicants did not limit the elected subject matter as described in the Office action.

Claims 36-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for the use of the language "A collection of compounds." Applicants respectfully submit that this language is not indefinite and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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